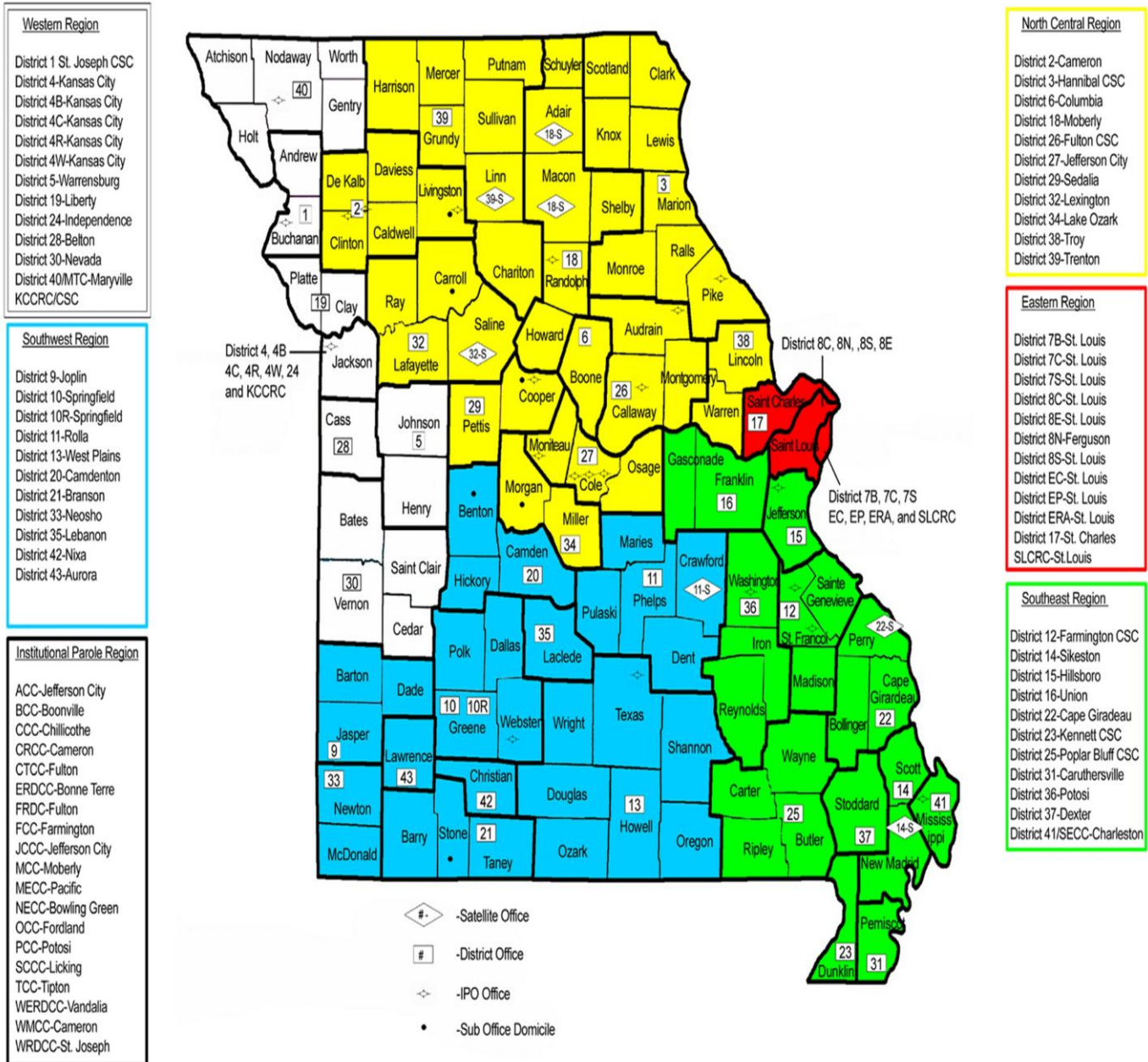


LOCAL MRP TEAM ACTIVITY REPORT

Missouri Probation and Parole District/Regional Map
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MAY 2013

EASTERN REGION

STAR

Counties Covered: St. Louis City and County

Local MRP Team Contact: Nancy J. McCarthy, RA (314) 877-1176

Name Local MRP Team: STAR

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Annual STAR Summit—attended by 280 staff and community partners.
- Implemented STAR point education sessions on Substance Abuse and Probation and Parole 101.
- Completed and distributed white papers on offender reentry and mental illness; sex offenders and reentry; reentry and substance abuse; offenders basic essentials for reentry in Missouri; client's choice in treatment of heroin and prescription opiate dependence; education, employment and the ex-offender succeeding in the world of work.
- Continued development of the STAR strategic plan.
- Developed "STAR TOURS" of various community based treatment programs.
- Resource fair which allowed reentry providers to promote services. Fair was open to the provider community and Probation and Parole staff.

Goals for 2013:

- Continue with STAR POINT education sessions.
- Identify the Steering Team members—strengthen the depth of members.
- Expand the STAR TOURS program.
- Expand the use of family within Probation and Parole.
- Assist St. Louis City Justice Services with the integration of case management services.
- Explore the role of the corporate community within the criminal justice network.

Meeting Schedule: The STAR steering team meetings are held the last Friday of odd months.

DISTRICT 17 & 38

Counties Covered: St. Charles, Lincoln & Warren

Local MRP Team Contact: Bill Rogers (636) 441-1302 and Peggy Ottersbach (636) 940-3305

Name Local MRP Team: One Eighty (180)

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Assisted Project Cope with expanding team in St. Charles County.
- Hosted a Heroin Town Hall meeting.
- Made a presentation at the Community Council of St. Charles Networking luncheon about reentry activities in Missouri and St. Charles County.
- Promoted reentry efforts at the St. Charles County Community Networking Forum.
- Posted job openings and local reentry events on the 180 website: www.the180.org
- Hosted a training on professional boundaries open to the entire community

Goals for 2013:

- Assist Project Cope with creating new teams in St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren counties.
- Expand membership and participation by developing relationships with new reentry service providers.
- Host more training and educational programs for the community.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled on the last Friday of each month at Calvary Church in St. Peters, Missouri.

WESTERN REGION

DISTRICT 1

Counties Covered: Andrew and Buchanan

Local MRP Team Contact: Shari Green

Name Local MRP Team: Pony Express Reentry Coalition (PERC)

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Successfully planned, organized, and conducted a Community Awareness Event which focused on substance abuse challenges and the many advancements in treatment options.
- Conducted a clothing collection for WRDCC & CSC.
- Restructured and renamed local reentry partnerships to foster better community relationships between service providers.
- Developed and fostered relationships with new reentry organizations to broaden the scope of collaborative work(s).

Goals for 2013:

- Plan a Community Awareness Event for the Spring of 2013.
- Continue the clothing collection project for 2013.
- Foster relationships with current and new reentry service providers.

Meeting Schedule: The PERC meets monthly, but meets more frequently prior to community events for planning purposes.

DISTRICT 4

Counties Covered: Jackson County

Local MRP Team Contact: Shari Morlang (MO P&P); Brandi Jahnke (Connections to Success), Arthur Diaz (Episcopal Community Services/Culinary Cornerstones)

Name Local MRP Team: MRP/CRAB (Missouri Reentry Process/Community Relations Advisory Board)

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Collaborated with community leaders to bring in speakers to share information regarding community resources and services, neighborhood activities, as well as local and national reentry efforts.
- Speakers represented a wide range of service providers. Law enforcement, Kansas City Council Members, Community Reentry Organizations, State agencies, and members of faith-based community.

Goals for 2013:

- Continue to educate service providers and ex-offenders on community services and resources that can be utilized toward successful reentry.
- Cultivate current reentry relationships with local, national and faith-based reentry organizations.
- Foster and develop collaborative reentry work(s) with new community organizations.

Meeting Schedule: The MRP/CRAB meetings are held quarterly.

DISTRICT 4B

Counties Covered: Jackson County

Local MRP Team Contact: Deborah Neal (Chair) & Karla Cobb (Co-Chair)

Name Local MRP Team: Education and Advocacy

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Successfully researched, educated, advocated and presented proposal to Kansas City Council members removing the felony question on all Kansas City job applications and any subcontractors doing business with the City. The "Ban the Box" ordinance is set to the full council for vote in 2013.

Goals for 2013:

- Continue to collaborate with Kansas City Council members in supporting and endorsing the passage of "Ban the Box".
- Expand the "Ban the Box" concept to assist in the development of more housing options for ex-offenders.

Meeting Schedule: The Education and Advocacy steering team meetings are held quarterly or as needed.

DISTRICT 4C AND 4W

Counties Covered: Jackson

Local MRP Team Contact: Collaborative Effort

Name Local MRP Team: HEET

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Participated in CIZ (Community Impact Zone) meetings with the Kansas City Police Department and local residents.
- Created a forum with local offenders, community service providers and local law enforcement to focus on ways to address problems facing local communities, clients and at-risk youth.

Goals for 2013

- Continue the CIZ meetings to motivate and encourage offenders to be a part of the problem-solving process in making communities safer.
- Continue to develop healthy relationships with reentry service providers, local communities, and local law enforcement.

Meeting Schedule: Schedule meetings are on the last Tuesday of the month from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Pioneer Community College.

DISTRICT 5

Counties Covered: Henry and Johnson

Local MRP Team Contact: Lori Burk, District Administrator; (660) 543-7920 ext. 243

Name Local MRP Team: Community Partners for Reentry (CPR)

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Combined local CPR meetings with Access to Recovery to form a coalition for reentry.
- Collaborated with Recovery Lighthouse in completing Grant requirements.
- Collaborated with ATR treatment provider to support a women's transitional housing program in Odessa, Missouri.
- Hosted a Family Fun Day picnic in Johnson County.
- Successfully updated the Resource Guide.
- Collaborated with Henry County Community Partners to develop a survey to solicit suggestions for meeting times designed to inform the community of reentry services and meet providers.

Goals for 2013:

- Complete the Henry County survey.
- Plan and Coordinate a family activity in both Henry and Johnson County.
- Determine meeting schedules in both counties.

Meeting Schedule: Undetermined until review of survey is completed. Frequency and locations of meetings will be impacted by the results of the survey.

DISTRICT 19

Counties Covered: Clay and Platte

Local MRP Team Contact: Collaborative Effort

Name Local MRP Team: In the Process of Creating

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Cultivated collaborative relationships with local court system, Sheriff Departments and Treatment providers to ensure a well-rounded case management approach to reentry.
- Developed a weekly meeting with NCC and Addiction to Awareness treatment providers to ensure ex-offenders are aware of support services and reentry services available to them.

Goals for 2013:

- Continue to foster relationships with local courts, law enforcement and treatment providers to ensure reentry services are provided.

Meeting Schedule: We meet on a need-to basis.

DISTRICT 24

Counties Covered: Jackson County

Local MRP Team Contact: Collaborative Effort

Name Local MRP Team: In the Process of Creating

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Collaborative work with the Independence, Missouri Public School District, City of Independence Police Department, the Englewood Business Association, the Northwest CDC, LINC and the Independence City Government has improved awareness of reentry services available to ex-offenders.
- Through Maywood Baptist Church and the faith-based community, GED classes, English-as-a-second-language course, and Pathway to Change classes have been offered in the local Maywood area to better service a higher number of clients with positive results.
- The Englewood Art District continues to grow, offering ex-offenders opportunities to be gainfully employed.

Goals for 2013:

- To develop a new name for the MRP team in the area.
- To collaborate with more reentry service providers and the faith-based community to address housing needs and employment services.

Meeting Schedule: The team meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month.

DISTRICT 28

Counties Covered: Eastern and Southern Jackson and Cass

Local MRP Team Contact: Dorian Culver (816) 289-2490; Janet Ford (816) 537-7570; Leesa Wiseman (816) 322-1166 ext. 236

Name Local MRP Team: Western Missouri Reentry Team

Accomplishments for 2012

- Distributed approximately thirty (30) backpacks through our Backpacks for Success Program.
- Organized a Victim's Breakfast during Crime Victim's Week.
- Participated in Drug Take Back Program and Shepherd's Way Golf Tournament to help with a women's transitional living program.
- Organized the Third Annual "Moving Forward" Fall Reentry Conference
- Organized the First Annual SCARE (Safe Communities and Risk Elimination Event) on October 31 with sex offenders under supervision at the District #28 Office.
- Participated in the SAMSHA Prevention Panel, as well as meeting the needs of 25 offenders through the Crisis Referral Process.

Goals for 2013:

- Continue to collaborate and foster work with the Hickman Mills Prevention Coalition, Missouri Drug Endangered Children, Cass County Juvenile Office to reduce crime in families.
- Continue to plan collaborative reentry events like: Backpacks for Success, SCARE, "Moving Forward" Reentry Conference, Sober Holiday Party, and the Shepherd's Way Golf Tournament.

Meeting Schedule: Team meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday. The location of meetings is rotated to a different reentry service provider each month.

SOUTHWEST REGION

DISTRICT 9 & 33

Counties Covered: Jasper, Barton, Dade, Newton, & McDonald

Local MRP Team Contact: Kathy Wilson and Teddy Steen

Name Local MRP Team: Southwest Missouri Reentry

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Collaborated with the Wheels for Worker Program through the Joplin Family Worship Center to provide transportation services for clients.
- Developed and launched a website for Southwest Missouri MRP: www.swmoreentry.com
- Collaborated with the Southwest Missouri Alliance; House Inc; and the Hope House to utilize affordable housing and treatment programs for ex-offenders.
- Continued program which makes backpacks for newly release parolees.

Goals for 2013:

- Continue with established programs which are successful in offender reentry.
- Plan and organize a resource fair for offenders.
- Continue to expand and cultivate collaborative relationships with current and new service providers to give ex-offenders quality programs and a variety of services.

Meeting Schedule: The team meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Probation and Parole Office in Joplin, Missouri.

DISTRICT 10 & 10R

Counties Covered: Greene, Webster, Polk, Dallas & Christian

Local MRP Team Contact: Dardi Smith (417) 895-5700, Kim McKlantic (417) 888-4203, Bill Abbett (417) 895-5700, Kerry Nelson (417) 724-1344

Name Local MRP Team: SW Region MRP Steering Team

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Continued quarterly resource fairs which keep clients aware of all reentry provider services available in the community.
- Continued to develop options for housing clients, including the development of more available and affordable rental homes through work with local housing authorities.

Goals for 2013:

- Continue successful reentry programs which are found to be useful to clients.
- Expand and develop relationships with new reentry service providers.
- To develop a broader community view and plan for reentry by assessing needs within both the community and the client.

Meeting Schedule: The team meetings are held every-other-month on the third Monday at 9:00 a.m.

DISTRICT 13

Counties Covered: Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Shannon, Texas & Wright

Local MRP Team Contact: Richard Chronister, Greg Whitesell, Gloria Bales, Crystal Mattison

Name Local MRP Team: District 13 MRP Steering Committee

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Collaborated with Child Support Enforcement and Division of Adult Institutions to bridge the communication gap for better service to clients.
- Director Lombardi assisted in community education on reentry needs to local employers through the Chamber of Commerce.
- Developed a referral system with the Missouri Career Center to better assist offenders in employability.
- Developed new relationships with the faith-based community through reentry presentations.
- Added a spot on the Steering Committee for an ex-offender who is actively pursuing treatment options in the community.
- Increased involvement of community programs through the addition of the Financial Peace University option of referral through the CAB, Probation and Parole and the Samaritan Outreach Homeless Shelter.

Goals for 2013:

- To develop and pursue quality community treatment options.

Meeting Schedule: The team meetings are held on the third Wednesday of even months.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

DISTRICT 2

Counties Covered: Livingston, Caldwell, Daviess, DeKalb & Clinton

Local MRP Team Contact: Kelly Peterie-Kissick & Shelly Staton

Name Local MRP Team: PAST (Partnership For Achieving Successful Transition)

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Successfully planned and implemented the Project Connect Resource Fair.
- Successfully implemented pre-release classes at WMCC and CCC.

Goals for 2013:

- Develop another local MRP Team in Cameron.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled for the first Friday of every month at 10 a.m.

DISTRICT 3

Counties Covered: Scotland, Clark, Lewis, Knox, Marion, Ralls, Monroe & Pike

Local MRP Team Contact: Kelly Walotka (573) 221-2285

Name Local MRP Team: The MRP Team

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Assisted two local reentry service providers in providing statistics and information for grants.
- Collaborated with local reentry service providers to share information regarding specific services provided for offender reentry needs.
- Lindell Shumake shared information with the MRP Team regarding legislative news impacting corrections and reentry.

Goals for 2013:

- Collaborate relationships with local mental health providers to ensure quality case management is occurring with clients.
- Provide cross training with Probation & Parole, local court system, law enforcement, substance abuse providers and Mental health providers to create a system of referral and service delivery for clients in high risk categories.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled on the second Thursday of even months at the Hannibal Community Supervision Center.

DISTRICT 6

Counties Covered: Boone

Local MRP Team Contact: Lorenzo Lawson, Chair

Name Local MRP Team: Boone County Offender Transition Network (BCOTN)

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Continued to collaborate with In2Action and Love Incorporated to provide quality reentry services in Boone County.
- Began a restructuring process designed to connect new reentry providers with established reentry providers to determine what services are and are NOT being offered in Boone County.

Goals for 2013:

- Continue to restructure BCOTN based on the current needs of the community and the client.
- Plan for a local MRP conference.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled on the third Thursday of the month at the Boone County Health Department conference

DISTRICT 18**Counties Covered:** Randolph, Howard, Macon, Shelby, Adair & Schuyler**Local MRP Team Contact:** Collaborative Effort**Name Local MRP Team:** In the Process of Creating**Accomplishments for 2012:**

- Collaborated with Faithwalk Ministries to provide reentry services for substance abuse education, mentoring and general life skills.
- Developed limited services for sex offenders through the assistance of the faith-based community and local reentry providers.
- Collaborated with Randolph Caring Communities to provide reentry services in the areas of general counseling and mental health.

Goals for 2013:

- Continue developing reentry services for sex offenders to include financial assistance, counseling services, and legal aid.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled as needed.**DISTRICT 27****Counties Covered:** Osage, Cole & Moniteau**Local MRP Team Contact:** Vicki Bullock & Carla Staley**Name Local MRP Team:** Right Turn**Accomplishments for 2012:**

- Collaborated with the Redeemed Project to host an open house in June which highlighted thirty (30) local reentry service providers sharing their services with clients.
- Hosted presentations by Vocational Rehabilitation, Missouri Recovery Network, and Shelter Care to share services and information.

Goals for 2013:

- Complete a new charter which was started in 2011.
- Collaborate with local reentry service providers and the faith-based community to address transportation and housing problems.
- Develop a directory of local reentry service providers.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled on the fourth Wednesday of odd number months.**DISTRICT 29****Counties Covered:** Pettis**Local MRP Team Contact:** Cheri Heeren & Ed Bestgen**Name Local MRP Team:** Pettis County Reentry Steering Team**Accomplishments for 2012:**

- Continued collaboration with the Pettis County Community Partnership to provide basic reentry services to parolees, as well as assessing basic needs.
- Expanded membership on the steering team.

Goals for 2013:

- Continue to grow and cultivate relationships with reentry providers.
- Explore additional funding to expand reentry service to the Morgan County area.
- Secure additional members for service on the Pettis County Reentry Steering Team.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month. Every other month is an open share meeting, where all members in attendance share what is coming up for their respective organizations.

DISTRICT 32**Counties Covered:** Ray, Carroll, Lafayette & Saline**Local MRP Team Contact:** Lee Bucksath**Name Local MRP Team:** Missouri River Valley MRP**Accomplishments for 2012:**

- Developed and launched reentry website: www.rivervalleymrp.com
- Expanded reentry initiatives in each of the four counties to allow the local communities to take ownership for reentry.
- Assisted in Lafayette County with the opening of a new women's transitional housing program.

Goals for 2013:

- Develop a MRP summit for Ray and Carroll Counties to generate excitement and enthusiasm around reentry.
- Assist each county in developing their own strategic plan to tackle reentry obstacles in their area.

Meeting Schedule: The Regional (Lafayette County) MRP meets the third (3) Thursday of each month. Saline County meets the first (1) Thursday of each month. Carroll County meets the second (2) Wednesday of each month.**DISTRICT 39****Counties Covered:** Harrison, Grundy, Mercer, Putnam, Sullivan, Linn & Chariton**Local MRP Team Contact:** Aaron McAtee & Phil Daniels**Name Local MRP Team:** Green Hills Offender Assistance and Reentry Team**Accomplishments for 2012:**

- Due to legal issues with Green Hills Community Action Agency, this group has been inactive during the past year.

Goals for 2013:

- Re-establish contact with members and new reentry service providers to develop a regular meeting schedule.

Meeting Schedule: Meeting times have yet to be determined.

SOUTHEASTERN REGION

DISTRICT 12

Counties Covered: St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve & Madison

Local MRP Team Contact: Nancy Bonacker & Al Sullivan

Name Local MRP Team: District #12/CSC MRP Team

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Shared reentry information and resources among all reentry providers on the team.
- Assisted MRP team member, Community Counseling, in completing requirements for MRP Grant.
- Provided support and services to high risk female clients returning to the area (Second Chance In Action Grant).
- Developed a mentoring program with the local faith-based organization to assist CSC residents.

Goals for 2013:

- Continue vegetable and garden efforts and expand Restorative Justice initiatives.
- Continue to assist with the Second Chance in Action grant for Women.
- Continue to develop mentoring programs.
- Collaborate with agencies, community reentry service providers and the faith-based community to provide quality services for clients.
- Hold MRP meetings at member's facilities.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled quarterly, usually on the third Wednesday of the month.

DISTRICT 14

Counties Covered: Scott & New Madrid

Local MRP Team Contact: Scott Schlosser & Tonya Carruth Vannasdal

Name Local MRP Team: Scott & New Madrid Local Reentry Team

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Continued to develop collaborative relationship with local mental health treatment providers.
- Organized the Third Annual MRP Conference for the Southeast Missouri area which was held in Sikeston, Missouri (Scott County).

Goals for 2013:

- Assist the New Madrid County Family Resource Center in completing annual requirements for the MRP-DOC Grant.
- Continue to address the needs in the community for employment assistance, job readiness, transitional housing and support services.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled quarterly.

DISTRICT 15

Counties Covered: Jefferson

Local MRP Team Contact: Scott Berkbighler & Tracy Smith

Name Local MRP Team: Jefferson County Reentry Team

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Moving Forward with Transportation Program assisted approximately 7,000+ bus rides for local clients.

Goals for 2013:

- Expand the Moving Forward with Transportation Program to service 10,000+ bus rides for local clients to places of need.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled quarterly.

DISTRICT 22

Counties Covered: Cape Girardeau, Bollinger & Perry

Local MRP Team Contact: Sharon Derrington & Brian Gray

Name Local MRP Team: Cape Girardeau Reentry Group

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Assisted Community Counseling Center in completing grant requirement needs for substance abuse treatment.
- Assisted Mending Hearts in completing grant requirement needs for transitional housing for women.
- Collaborated with the local Veterans Administration to develop a process to screen and determine eligibility for program.
- Continued to expand team members.
- Continued to expand list of employers who hire ex-felons.

Goals for 2013

- Develop relationships with local employers and educate them on the vitality and benefits of employing ex-felons.
- Collaborate with the Missouri Career Center, Workforce Investment Board and Federal Probation Unit to develop a formal presentation and informational pamphlet.
- Continue to cultivate relationships with felon friendly employers.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled quarterly.

DISTRICT 23

Counties Covered: Dunklin

Local MRP Team Contact: Melissa Bergman & Minnie Sanders

Name Local MRP Team: Dunklin County MRP Team

Accomplishments for 2012:

- Collaborated with local faith-based organizations, local businesses and civic groups to develop a community garden to feed those in need.
- Through the community garden relationships, employment contacts and opportunities for mentoring relationships we established.
- Developed and offered job readiness classes, job referral programs and computer skills classes.

Goals for 2013:

- Develop a relationship with a local woman's support program that is off-site from the Probation and Parole office.
- Hold all of our meetings at the offices of reentry service providers.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled quarterly.

DISTRICT 25

Counties Covered: Butler, Ripley, Carter & Wayne

Local MRP Team Contact: James Berry Karen Crook

Name Local MRP Team: District 25 MRP Task Force

Accomplishments for 2012

- Successfully reduced violations for clients through Medical/Dental and Basic Needs Program (Housing & Transportation).
- Designed and distributed 1,000 resource magnets to offenders and community partners.
- Through collaborative work with CAB/CRC, assistance was provided for employment services, including the purchasing of uniform clothing and steel-toed work boots for clients.
- Through the Reentry Opportunity Coalition, reentry service providers shared information regarding their services to assist clients directly and easily.

Goals for 2013:

- To maintain proper utilization of grant monies for maximum client benefits in reducing recidivism and meeting grant requirements.
- To continue to evaluate community need and publicize reentry events.
- To maintain a collaborative group who networks together to break down reentry barriers.

Meeting Schedule: The team meetings are held on the third Monday of each month.

DISTRICT 31**Counties Covered:** Pemiscot**Local MRP Team Contact:** Jessica Rose & John Lane**Name Local MRP Team:** PART (Pemiscot Area Reentry Team)**Accomplishments for 2012:**

- Successfully collaborated to continue working together as a team while focusing on offender needs and services.

Goals for 2013:

- Educate the public on the Missouri Reentry Process.
- Encourage the team members to collaborate more and appreciate the work each team does to provide reentry services for clients.
- Organize a public-one-day-training seminar which educates and informs the local community on how offender incarceration effects the economy and how successful transition into society benefits the community.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled on the Friday after the Regional SMART meeting.**DISTRICT 36****Counties Covered:** Washington, Iron & Reynolds**Local MRP Team Contact:** Tracie DeClue & Debbie Bust**Name Local MRP Team:** District 36 MRP Team**Accomplishments for 2012:**

- Creatively assisting offenders in reentry through intensive case management.

Goals for 2013:

- Reengage MRP members and activities.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled quarterly.**DISTRICT 37****Counties Covered:** Stoddard**Local MRP Team Contact:** Rich Ruch & Jan Wheeler**Name Local MRP Team:** Stoddard County Successful Integration Team**Accomplishments for 2012:**

- Developed a local "Resource Magnet" which highlights reentry service providers.
- Developed new collaborative relationships with reentry service providers in the local community.
- Enhanced communication between local agencies and Probation and Parole to improve case management.

Goals for 2013:

- Cultivate new and improved relationships with the faith-based community.
- Continue to develop and improve the "Resource Magnet".
- Identify and recruit additional reentry service providers to the team.
- Explore and discuss the possibility of becoming a community coalition.
- Organize a job fair for Stoddard County during the 2013 or 2014 calendar year.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled quarterly, unless planning and workload demands require more frequent meetings.